

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claims 22-26 and 36 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 2 and 10 are indicated as allowable subject matter, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been rewritten as an independent claim, including the limitations of base claim 1. No new matter has been added. Claims 3 and 7 have been amended so that they depend on Claim 2. Claims 10, 18-21, and 27-35 have been cancelled. Those claims have been cancelled so that the other claims may be allowed and a patent may issue. Cancellation of those claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence or surrender of any subject matter. For clarity and without limitation, cancellation of those claims does not, and is not intended to, limit the literal scope of, or equivalents available to, the pending claims with respect to any composition or compound claimed herein. Applicants reserve the option to prosecute further the originally filed claims or similar ones, in the instant or a subsequent patent application.

Further, silence with regard to any of the Examiner's rejections is not an acquiescence to such rejections. Specifically, silence with regard to Examiner's rejection of a dependent claim, when such claim depends from an independent claim that Applicant considers allowable for reasons provided herein, is not an acquiescence to such rejection of the dependent claim(s), but rather a recognition by Applicant that such previously lodged rejection is moot based on Applicant remarks and/or amendments relative to the independent claim (that Applicant considers allowable) from which the dependent claim(s) depends.

Objection to Drawings

The Examiner has not indicated in the Office Action Summary whether the drawings are acceptable. Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the status of the drawings.

Rejections under 35 U. S. C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-21, and 27-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blake in view of Ankiewicz. Claims 1, 18-21, and 27-35 have been canceled,

rendering these rejections moot with respect to those claims. Claims 3-9 and 11-17 have been amended to be dependent on independent claim 2, as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

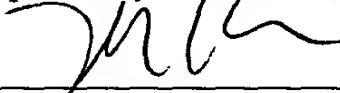
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000. Should a further extension of time be required other than provided for, Applicant hereby petitions for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account, No. 06-1448.

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